

# NOTICE TO ALL FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS

## IMPORTANT — PLEASE READ

### Things You Need to Know

Effective October 1, 2008:

- All of the money you pay for someone to take care of your children or dependent person, while you work or go to school, is now used to lower your income. Before, only \$175 or \$200 (for each dependent) could be used to lower your income. Overall, your benefits will increase if child care/dependent care costs you pay are more than \$175/\$200 for each child or dependent.
- All “tax-preferred” savings for education (e.g. #529s) and retirement accounts (e.g. IRAs) are not used to decide if your resources are over \$2,000 (or \$3,000 if you are elderly or disabled).
- If you do not use your EBT card for 180 days your benefits will be put into an inactive account. After 365 days, you will lose the benefits in the inactive account.
- If you have any paper food stamps, you need to contact the county to have them changed and put onto an EBT card no later than June 17, 2009. Paper stamps will not be accepted anywhere starting June 18, 2009.

You will get a notice about these changes and any other changes to your household status that makes your food stamp benefit different than it was before.

If you think we made a mistake in figuring your October benefits due to the new amounts, you may ask for a state hearing **within 90 days of when you got this letter** by writing to:

or you may call toll free: 1-800-952-5253. If you are deaf and use TDD, call 1-800-952-8349. When you ask for a state hearing, you must tell us why you think we made a mistake. You can speak for yourself at the hearing or you can have a friend, attorney, or other person speak for you, but you must get these people to help you. You may ask for free legal aid at a legal aid office in your area.

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#### Meih Qiemx Zuqc Hiuv Nyei

Jiex Gorn Yiem Ziepc Hlaax 1, 2008 wuov mingh:

- Dongh meih mingh zoux jienv gong fai doqc jienv sou wuov, meih oix zuqc cingv mienh tengx meih goux fu'jueiv fai goux dongh qiemx zuqc goux nyei mienh (dependent) wuov deix yietc zungv nyaanh, ih zanc bun funx cuotv weic tengx meih duqv bieqc nyei nyaanh (income) zoqc njiec. Zinh ndaangc wuov, kungx bun \$175 fai \$200 (weic yietc dauh zuqc goux nyei mienh) funx cuotv weic tengx meih duqv bieqc nyei nyaanh (income) zoqc njiec. Yietc zungv funx daaih nor, meih haih duqv leic dauh camv faaux se gornv meih cingv mienh goux fu'jueiv/qiemx zuqc goux nyei mienh nyei nyaanh weic yietc dauh fu'jueiv fai yietc dauh qiemx goux nyei mienh nyei nyaanh se gauh camv \$175/\$200.
- Yietc zungv “maiv zuqc zorqv nzou-zinh” (“tax-preferred”) nyei nyaanh weic siou daaih cingv horqc-dorngh (hnavg #529s) caux zoux gong buangv hnyangx-jeiv nyei nyaanh daan (retirement accounts) (hnavg IRAs) se maiv funx bieqc weic mangc gaax meih maaih nyaanh gauh camv \$2,000 (fai \$3,000 se gornv meih benx mienh gox fai mienh waaic mienh).
- Se gornv meih maiv longc meih nyei EBT mbatv duqv 180 hnoi liuz nor meih nyei leic dauh zuqc fungx bieqc maiv zieqc nyei daan (inactive account). Jiex liuz 365 hnoi nor, meih maaih nyei leic dauh yiem maiv zieqc nyei daan wuov ndortv nzengc aqv.
- Se gornv meih maaih benc piux nyei nyaanh-zeiv nor, meih oix zuqc heuc lorz nquenc zaangc tengx meih tiuv daaih dapv bieqc EBT mbatv maiv bun jiex ndaangc Luoqc hlaax 17, 2009 wuov hnoi. Jiex gorn yiem Luoqc hlaax 18, 2009 wuov hnoi mingh haaix norm dorngh yaac maiv zipv benc piux nyei nyaanh-zeiv aqv.

Meih oix zipv fienv mbuox meih hiuv duqv naaiv deix goiv yienc nyei jauv caux jiex mingh maaih ganh nyungc goiv yienc nyei jauv bun taux meih nyei biau v zong dongh zoux bun meih nyei food stamp leic dauh tiuv mingh maiv hnavg lox wuov nor.

Se gornv meih hnavv daaih yie mbuo funx dorngh meih horpc zuqc duqv nyei leic dauh yiem Ziepc hlaax wuov weic laaix naaiv deix siang nyei soux mouc nor, meih maaih leiz haih fiev fienv mingh ga'ndiev naaiv weic tov mingh muangx sic (state hearing) **yiem meih duqv zipv liuz naaiv zeiv fienv 90 hnoi gu'nyuoz:**

fai meih haih baeqc heuc mingh: 1-800-952-5253. Se gornv meih m'normh ndung yaac longc TDD nor, heuc mingh 1-800-952-8349. Dongh meih heuc daaih tov mingh muangx sic (state hearing) nyei ziangh hoc wuov, meih oix zuqc gornv mbuox yie mbuo weic haaix diuc meih hnavv daaih yie mbuo duqv zoux dorngh. Taux mingh muangx sic nyei ziangh hoc meih ganh, meih nyei doic, caengx sic mienh, fai ganh dauh mienh haih div meih duqv nyei, mv baac meih ganh oix zuqc lorz naaiv deix mienh tengx meih. Meih haih mingh buonv-deic nyei tengx taux leiz nyei gong-dorngh (legal aid office) tov ninh mbuo baeqc tengx taux leiz nyei jauv.